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Senate

The Senate met at 9:46 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SAM BROWNBACK, a Senator from the State of Kansas.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Master of our hopes and dreams, who constantly works for the good of those who love You, teach us to strive for integrity. Remind us that You call us not to success but to faithfulness. Inspire our lawmakers today with a commitment to be true to You and to serve Your purposes. Let not discordant notes mar the melody of their labors as they seek Your counsel and wisdom. Bless their families and all who come within the circle of their influence. Prosper the works of their hands, until the kingdoms of this world become the springboard for Your eternal reign. Guide our great Nation. Help it to be a lighthouse to a dark and turbulent world. Protect our military in its arduous work. We pray this in Your holy Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SAM BROWNBACK led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 2, 2004.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable SAM BROWNBACK, a Senator from the State of Kansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BROWNBACK thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from the great State of Arizona is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, this morning, the Senate will conduct a period of morning business for up to 60 minutes, with the Democratic leader or his designee in control of the first 30 minutes and the majority leader or his designee in control of the final 30 minutes. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the Department of Defense authorization bill.

Chairman WARNER and Senator LEVIN will be here all day, working through amendments. As the leader announced last night, we were able to lock in a finite list of first-degree amendments to the bill, and Senators are encouraged to work with the bill managers so we can finish this bill this week or early next week.

On behalf of the leader, I remind Senators that the Senate will stand in recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. to accommodate the Democratic policy luncheon, and that at 5 p.m. there will be a reception honoring Senators AKAKA, HOLLINGS, INOUE, LAUTENBERG, STEVENS, and WARNER, who are all veterans of the Second World War. We will devote the hour prior to the reception for speeches honoring their service.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

I now ask unanimous consent that there be a period of morning business

today from 4 to 5 p.m., with the time equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from the great State of Nevada is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the time the Chair will shortly announce dealing with morning business, Senator DAYTON be given 15 minutes and then I will yield 10 minutes to Senator STABENOW.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will be a period for the transaction of morning business for up to 60 minutes, with the first half of the time under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee and the second half of the time under the control of the majority leader or his designee.

Under the previous order, the Senator from Minnesota is recognized.

COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, when I was in Minnesota last week, I read a very disturbing news report about the

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